THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The selection of the Indian Cricket team for participation in a national/international event in the prerogative of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, which is an autonomous body. It is for the Board to review the performance and take remedial steps.

Lecturers promoted as Readers etc. in Delhi University

531. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lecturers/teachers who have been promoted as Readers and Professors under the University of Delhi's Merit Promotion Scheme during 1984, 1985 and 1986 and how many are becoming eligible for promotion in 1987;

(b) the names and designation of promoted teachers whose work experience (outside the University not being specifically designated as Lecturer/Reader) was counted as teaching experience for determining eligibility for the promotion along with details of each such case giving reasons why their work experience was treated as such; and

(c) the number of lecturers who are not being considered for promotion despite teaching experience as Research Fellows or Research Associates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Early delivery of IInd class Mail in North-Eastern Region

532. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delivery of IInd class mail from Delhi to North Eastern Region takes more than three weeks;

(b) whether Government are considering to send the mail by Air to the North Eastern Region to minimise the gap of time; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):(a) No, Sir.

(b) All first class mails are sent to N.E. by air if advantageous. There is no proposal to air lift unsurcharged IInd class mails to N.E.

(c) Does not arise.

Grade IV vacancies in Tinsukia Railway Division

533. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vacancies of grade IV staff in Tinsukia Railway Division have not been filled up for the last three years; and

(b) if so, the number of existing vacancies and by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information relating to 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 in respect of part (a) of the question and as on 1-4-1987 in respect of part (b) of the question, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Complaints against service in pantry car and quality of food in trains

534. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against poor service in pantry